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SUBJECT: LON NOL TRAVELS

REF: A. STATE 072754; B. STATE 071653 (NODIS/NOTAL)

1. RE PARA ONE REF A, LON NOL IS DEPENDING ON US
TO ARRANGE IS TRAVEL PLANS BEYOND INDONESIA. HE
ASKED IF HE COULD GO TO THE U.S. FOLLOWING HIS VISIT
TO INDONESIA AND WE SAID YES. IT IS NOW UP TO US TO
WORK OUT HIS ITINERARY WITH HIM AND NOT JUST INQUIRE
WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO AND WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO
GO.

2. PARA TWO REF A INQUIRES WHETHER LON NOL INTENDS
TO FLY COMMERCIALLY FROM MANILA TO HAWAII. I WAS
INSTRUCTED (IN PARA TWO OF REF B) TO TELL LON NOL THAT
SHOULD HE WISH A USAF PLANE TO FLY HIM FROM JAKARTA
TO HAWAII "WE WOULD PROVIDE IT." I SO INFORMED HIM
AND HE ACCEPTED THIS OFFER. I UNDERSTAND THE REASONS
FOR HAVING THE INDONESIANS FLY HIM TO MANILA AND HAVING
US PICK HIM UP FROM THERE, BUT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN
UNDERSTOOD THAT A U.S. AIR FORCE PLANE WOULD FLY HIM
TO THE UNITED STATES FROM SOMEWHERE. I DECLINED TO ASK
HIM "IF HE INTENDS TO FLY COMMERCIALLY" AND IF ANYONE
ELSE NOW ASKED HIM SUCH A QUESTION HE WOULD BE
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INDULGING IN THE GROSSEST SORT OF INSULT.

3. RE PARA THREE REF A, THE ANSWER IS YES, LON NOL WISHES TO HAVE A MEDICAL CHECK-UP AT TRIPLER HOSPITAL AND I HAVE ALREADY ASSURED HIM (THROUGH THE PRIME MINISTER) THAT QUARTERS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR HIM AND HIS PARTY THERE, AT THE BASE (PHNOM PENH 5683).

4. RE PARA FOUR REF A, I ASSUME LON NOL WILL BE WELL SUPPLIED WITH FUNDS BUT THIS IS NO REASON FOR US TO TREAT HIM AS A PARIAH ONCE HE HAS LEFT CAMBODIA.

5. AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE DEPARTMENT THAT MARSHAL LON NOL HAS BEEN THE ACTUAL AND/OR NOMINAL LEADER OF THIS COUNTRY SINCE 1970 AND WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIM FOR FIVE YEARS FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE. LON NOL IS MAN WHO HAS PLACED HIS ENTIRE FAITH IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE WE FIRST AGREED TO HELP HIM DEFEND HIS COUNTRY AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF HIS GOVERNMENT. WE DID NOT FORCE, URGE OR EVEN RECOMMEND HIS DEPARTURE FROM CAMBODIA, BUT HIS LEAVING MAY OPEN THE WAY FOR SOME OUTCOME IN CAMBODIA WHICH WILL NOT DISHONOR THE UNITED STATES EFFORT HERE. AT THE SAME TIME, IT BEHOOVES A GREAT POWER SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES TO TREAT WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT THE LEADER OF A COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT WHICH WE HAVE SUPPORTED NEARLY SINGLE-HANDEDLY FOR FIVE YEARS. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF MONEY. BUT THE TENOR OF THE QUESTIONS IN REF A IS SUCH THAT I WONDER IF WE INTEND TO TREAT LON NOL IN THE DIGNIFIED MANNER THAT WILL BRING CREDIT TO THE UNITED STATES, OR IF WE INTEND TO DO THE OPPOSITE.

6. IN ANSWER TO PARA FIVE OF REF A, ON THE BASIS OF A FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE, THE EMBASSY ISSUED VISAS TO LON NOL'S PARTY AS FOLLOWS:

A. LON NOL, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
B. MME. LON NOL, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
C. ENFANT LONG MORAKATH, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
D. ENFANT LON NARI SANTIPPIYA, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
E. MISS PICH CHANNY, B-2 OFFICIAL
F. MISS ROEUN SOPHAL, B-2 OFFICIAL

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G. MISS LIM RATSETHA, B-2 OFFICIAL
H. MISS KEO CHAN VANNY, B-2 OFFICIAL
I. MME. LON NON, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
J. ENFANT LON PATHY, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
K. MR. PRUONH AM, B-2 OFFICIAL
L. MR. KEO CHOUNNA, B-2 OFFICIAL
M. MR. CHAN RON, B-2 OFFICIAL
N. MR. EAT KHUN LENG, B-2 OFFICIAL

O. MR. RATH RETH, B-2 OFFICIAL
P. MAJ. GEN. KANG KENG, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
Q. FANK OFFICER NEAL RIEN LOEUN, B-2 OFFICIAL
R. MR. CHHANG SONG, A-1 DIPLOMATIC
S. MISS TAN SOVAN AKHARA, B-2 OFFICIAL
T. MISS TRAN SUTHRY, B-2 OFFICIAL
U. MME. NEAL RIEN LOEUN, B-2 OFFICIAL
V. MR. MIN PHIRUM MEANUVUTH, B-2 OFFICIAL
W. BRIG. GEN MEAS DIM, B-2 OFFICIAL
X. LT. COL. LONG TIP, B-2 OFFICIAL
Y. MME. SUM CHHUM, B-2 OFFICIAL
Z. LT. COL. (DR) TRAN KY, B-2 OFFICIAL

A SEPARATE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE ASKED ENTRY VISAS
FOR BRIG. GEN AND MRS. EK PREUNG. WE GAVE THEM B-2
DIPLOMATIC VISAS
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